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CHARACTERS

Hikari Tsutsui

His nickname is "Tsutsun." He is a boy who loves virtual reality. Having never had a relationship with a girl before, his days are filled with excitement after suddenly starting a relationship with Iroha.

Iroha Igarashi

She's a flashy, sexy real-life young girl. She quickly got close to Tsutsun. Although people say she's easy with the guys, she's serious with this one! However, Tsutsun has noticed that she sometimes says cryptic things.

Ito

Tsutsun's one and only friend. A classmate and fellow otaku who has cat ears for ears. Surprisingly gives good relationship advice.

Ishino-san

A female friend Tsutsun made thanks to Iroha. But she's such a gyaru that he sometimes can't follow what she's talking about.

Ezomichi

The heroine of Tsutsun's beloved anime "Magical Girl." She sometimes appears in Hikari's fantasies.

Mitsuya Takanashi

A bad guy who bullies Tsutsun because of his feelings for Iroha. He falsely accused Tsutsun of trying to kidnap his little sister.

Anzu

Mitsuya's little sister. She is used by her older brother. She likes Kaoru, her classmate.

Kaoru

Tsutsun's smart younger brother. Having an otaku for an older brother, he tends to be disappointed with life.

STORY

Hikari is a third-year high school boy who is a so-called "otaku" with no tolerance for love. But then, he suddenly gets asked out by the stunningly beautiful Iroha, and their relationship begins. After finding himself much happier than he expected, Hikari gets hit with some dark days. Mitsuya, a boy who has feelings for Iroha, accuses Hikari of trying to kidnap a little girl...!

episode★9

The story about my friendship with another guy

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HUH...

YOU SHOULD BE PULVERIZED FOR WHAT YOU DID...

SO YOU SET TSU-TTSUN UP, AND THEN CALLED HIM A LOLICON...

ONI-CHAN, LET'S APOLO-GIZE AND TELL EV-ERYONE THAT IT WAS ALL...

UH.

...A MIS-UNDER-STAND-ING!!

APOLO-GIZE...?

ME...?

I...

TMP

I'M NEVER GONNA DO THAT!!

UH...ONI-CHAN!!

...BEFORE HIM?!

HUMBLE MYSELF...

KAORU-KUN... NOT ME...

YOU MUST BE...

...HAV-ING A HARD TIME, TOO...

HOW AWFUL ...

IT'S OKAY.

THINGS WILL WORK THEM-SELVES OUT.

OH MY GOSH, I KNOW!

HE TOTALLY LOOKS LIKE IT!

SCARY...

OH, MAN.

HE'S ONE OF *THOSE* GUYS...

... ISN'T HE?

EVEN LITTLE KIDS...

...

EEK!

I DON'T WANT PEOPLE ...

...TO BE AFRAID OF ME...

SIGH...

I'D RATHER EVERYONE THREW ROCKS AT ME FOR BEING GROSS.

RUSTLE

WH...

WHAT IS IT?

I'M NOT GONNA APOLO-GIZE TO YOU...

JUST SO YOU KNOW ...

I DIDN'T ASK YOU TO...

YOU CAN JUST SAY YOU DIDN'T DO IT!

IT WAS ALL JUST ...

...A JOKE!

JEEZ!

PLEASE! DON'T AIR OUT YOUR PAST GRUDGES!

...HOW SUPER-FICIAL AND FICKLE YOU ARE!

I THINK IT'S A BIG PROB-LEM...

YOU ALL TREAT EVERY-THING AS A JOKE...

IF I EXPLAIN WHAT HAP-PENED...

...NO ONE'S GONNA BE-LIEVE YOU OVER ME!

I...ONLY HAVE MYSELF TO BLAME FOR THAT...

YOU HAVEN'T PUT IN THE EFFORT TO BUILD CREDI-BILITY, Y'KNOW ...

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HEY! MICCHAN!

UH...

...

WHY ARE YOU TALKING TO HIM?

HEY, ISN'T HE THAT GUY EVERYONE'S TALKING ABOUT?

WHAT ARE YOU DOING? LET'S HURRY UP AND GO TO CLASS.

WELL...

HE'S, UH...

DON'T BE STUPID! THERE'S NO WAY I'D TALK TO A GUY LIKE THAT!

YOU CAN'T TRUST LOLICONS!

LET'S GO!!

TRASH... HE'S TOTAL TRASH!!

WAIT, TSU-TSUI!

LET'S GO HOME TO-GETH-ER.

ITO...

I AL-READY SAID NO.

NO! WE'RE GONNA GO HOME TOGETHER!

NO...

...I ALWAYS KNEW.

YOU JUST NOTICED NOW?

Heh heh

YOU'RE ...

...A REALLY GOOD GUY...

HEY!

IT'S NOT FAIR THAT ITO-KUN CAN GO HOME WITH YOU...

...AND I CAN'T!

I HAVE TWO GOOD PEOPLE BY MY SIDE...

...AND ONE OF THEM IS MY GIRL-FRIEND.

LIFE IS GOOD.

I...DON'T CARE IF THE WHOLE WORLD IS AGAINST ME...

Heh heh...

TSU TSUI...

YOU SEEM ON EDGE...

NO WAY...

I'M NOT GONNA FORGIVE HIM...

WHOA, DON'T SAY STUFF LIKE THAT!

It's scary!

WE GOTTA FIND A WAY TO POP THAT ARROGANT JERK'S INFLATED HEAD...

NO...

THAT'S, UH...

WELL ...

...HOW HE SET YOU UP.

YOU SHOULD'VE TOLD YOUR SIDE OF THE STORY, TOO...

WHY NOT?

THAT GUY SAID HE LIKES YOU...

I CAN'T TELL YOU WHAT HE SAID.

BESIDES, YOU'VE THROWN YOUR BAG AT SOMEONE BEFORE...

...SO I'M SCARED TO TELL YOU.

JUST FOR-GET THAT, WILL YOU...?

I SAID THAT'S ENOUGH.

YOU'RE ...

...HERE BY MY SIDE.

I don't want to have anything to do with him.

ANYWAY, YOU DID NOTHING WRONG, TSU-TTSUN.

ENOUGH.

BUT...

THAT'S GOOD ENOUGH FOR ME.

WH...

WHAT IS IT NOW?

TSU-TTSUN ...

I LIKE YOU.

UH-
HUH...

I KNEW IT...

It's become a pattern for you...

YOU OBVIOUSLY DON'T GIVE A DAMN...

YOU HAVE NO IDEA WHAT I'VE BEEN THROUGH ...

WHAT?

Huh?

I TOLD YOU, I DIDN'T ...

AND ALL YOU DO IS WATCH ANIME AND PLAY GAMES! YOU DON'T TRY AT ALL!

DON'T "WHAT?" ME! I'VE BEEN SO NERVOUS EVERY DAY THAT OTHERS WILL FIND OUT WHAT YOU DID!!

I'M NEVER GROW UP TO BE LIKE YOU, YOU IDIOT!

HEY!

I'VE TRIED TO...

WAIT!! LISTEN TO ME!!

HEY, THAT'S GOING TOO FAR!

I'M NOT SO THOUGHT-LESS!

EVERY-THING'S RUINED THANKS TO YOU!!

HE'S DOING BETTER THAN I THOUGHT ...

UM... IS HIKARI GONNA BE ALL RIGHT?

NO, NOT THAT...

I MEAN HIS FUTURE...

HIS FU-TURE'S GONNA BE FINE.

HELLO!

OH, IROHA-CHAN.

HEY, DO YOU HAVE A CLASS-MATE NAMED ANZU-CHAN?

...

DO YOU KNOW HER?

OOH, WHO'S ANZU-CHAN?

DASH

WHAT'S THE MAT-TER?

MOM GETS REALLY NOSEY ABOUT STUFF LIKE THAT...

...SO DON'T SAY THAT IN FRONT OF HER.

WHY DOES EVERY GIRL SAY THAT?

SO STUPID! I CAN'T STAND IT!

DO YOU LIKE HER?

NO, IT'S NOT LIKE THAT.

UH, BUT ANZU-CHAN ISN'T BAD...

SHE'S NICE, BUT...

I DON'T KNOW ANY-THING ABOUT STUFF LIKE THAT!

HE'S LIKE TSU-TTSUN ...

...BUT HE'LL GET AN-GRY IF I TELL HIM THAT...

BYE!

SEE YA!

YOU KNOW...

...YOU'RE GONNA GROW UP TO BE A COOL KID.

RIBBIT ゲコ

RIBBIT ゲコ

RIBBIT ゲコ

...THE BULLY-ING IS GETTING WORSE...

FWAP

pervert

IT SEEMS LIKE...

FWAP

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THAT'S ODDLY CONSID-ERATE...!

WHA ...?!

A HARD-BOILED EGG...!

HUH?

FLUSH

WHOA ...

HEY, MAN!

YOU'RE BLEED-ING!

RUB RUB

YOU'RE THE REASON WHY THINGS HAVE GOTTEN THIS WAY.

WHAT IS IT THAT YOU WANT?

YOU MAKE ME SEEM LIKE A REALLY BAD PERSON!

UH...

THE SHELL MUST'VE CUT ME.

C'MON, YOU IDIOT!

COME BACK AT ME WITH SOME-THING!

YOU JUST TAKE IT ALL SITTING DOWN!

HEY...

MICCHAN!

Seriously, what the hell's his problem?

ARE YOU STUPID? OBVIOUSLY YOU'RE A BAD PERSON!

DON'T WASTE MY TIME WITH YOUR HALF-ASSED ATTEMPTS AT HAVING A CONSCIENCE.

Pisses me off.

WE'RE NOT REALLY TALKING ABOUT ANY-THING.

STOP IT. IT'S EMBAR-RASSING.

WHY DO YOU KEEP TALKING TO THIS GUY?

SERI-OUS-LY...

STOP SAYING STUPID THINGS.

HMM, YOU'RE GETTING FLUS-TERED, MAN...

OF COURSE NOT!

IS HE YOUR FRIEND, BY ANY CHANCE?

OH, COME TO THINK OF IT, HE'S REALLY CLOSE WITH YOUR LITTLE SISTER. IS THAT WHAT THIS IS?

C'MON, TELL ME, MAN!

YANK

THEY'RE ARGUING WITH EACH OTHER ...

Hah!

I TOLD YOU, I'M NOT!

THEN WHY ARE YOU CLOSE WITH THIS GUY?

DROP IT.

HEY, CUT IT OUT...

WHOA... ARE YOU FOR REAL?

WE RESENT EACH OTHER, YOU KNOW ...

THERE'S NO WAY WE COULD BE FRIENDS.

IDIOT.

DON'T GROUP ME WITH SUCH A BASIC PUNK.

MICCHAN, LET ME GO ALREADY.

Oh, sorry.

WELL, DUH!

WHAT'S UP WITH HIM?

HAVING A SOCIAL LIFE...

...SEEMS TOUGH, TOO.

THIS NEEDS SALT ...

HEY.

WHAT'S YOUR PROBLEM?

YOU AGAIN?

WHAT'S YOUR PROB-LEM?

HUH...?

SERIOUSLY, WHAT IS WRONG WITH YOU?

C'MON, MAN...

HIT ME BACK WITH SOMETHING!

YOU DON'T FIGHT BACK!

TELL ME ABOUT IT...

YOU'VE BEEN HIT, ACCUSED, BAD-MOUTHED ...

DON'T YOU THINK IT'S UNFAIR?

Such a pain.

NO, I'M NOT!

YOU'RE JUST AN ATTENTION WHORE.

I GET IT.

...I ALREADY KNOW THAT THIS WORLD IS UNFAIR.

BECAUSE ...

YOU'RE JUST SPACED OUT.

WHY ARE YOU PUTTING UP WITH IT ALL?

IT'S CREEPY HOW YOU DON'T DO ANYTHING BACK!

THAT'S NOT TRUE...

IF YOU ORK HARD, IT'LL PAY OFF...

Don't give up.

...SO I'M CON-TENT WITH WHAT I HAVE.

THINGS HAVE BEEN GOING SO WELL FOR ME NOW THAT IT SCARES ME...

YOU SAY THAT BECAUSE THAT'S HOW YOU'VE LIVED YOUR LIFE...

I CAN'T FIGURE OUT IF YOU'RE BEING MIS-ERABLE OR POSITIVE...

WHAT EXACTLY IS GOING WELL IN YOUR LIFE?

...BUT SOME THINGS JUST DON'T AMOUNT TO ANYTHING.

HM?

I'M REALLY HAPPY RIGHT NOW, Y'KNOW.

NOT THAT...

NO...

CLAP
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HAVING A HUNDRED FRIENDS?

WHAT MAKES YOU HAPPY?

JUST ...

AS LONG AS YOU DON'T MESS WITH ITO... OR HER...I'M FINE.

ANYWAY, THAT'S WHY I'M NOT DEMANDING AN APOL-OGY.

YOU HAVE A LOT OF PRIDE, AND PROBABLY A LOT OF THINGS YOU WANT TO PROTECT.

ALL RIGHT.

AC-TUAL-LY...

SORRY...

OH!

...THERE IS ONE THING WE NEED TO DO.

I'M SORRY...

UM, I GOT LOST, AND HE WAS JUST TRYING TO HELP...

UH...AND SO...

...IT WAS ALL MY MISUN-DERSTAND-ING...

A MISUNDER-STANDING! SO IT WAS JUST A MISUNDER-STANDING!!

UH... IT'S NI-CHAN'S FAULT FOR GIV-ING OFF THAT VIBE...

YOU APOLO-GIZE, TOO!

Giving all that abuse!

I'M SORRY TO YOU TOO, KAO-RU-KUN!

I'M SURE IT'D BE ALARMING TO BE APPROACHED BY A SHAB-BY-LOOKING PERSON LIKE HIM!

SORRY, DEAR!

IT'S FINE...

I THOUGHT I'D FOREVER LOST MY RIGHTS UNDER THIS ROOF, SO...

YOU SURE THEY DON'T NEED TO BE MORE HON-EST...?

ANZU-CHAN...

BE CAREFUL.

DON'T GO OFF WITH PEOPLE YOU DON'T KNOW.

YEAH.

YEAH...

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT...?

ANZU ISN'T GONNA COME TO YOUR PLACE, SO...

MUMBLE

WELL...

...IT LOOKS LIKE...

ALL IS WELL.

...IT'S BACK TO BUSI-NESS AS USUAL.

HUH?

WHAT ARE YOU GUYS DOING TO-GETH-ER...?

ISHINO-SAN...?

IF YOU COULD TALK TO HER, TOO... SHE'S MY ONE AND ONLY FEMALE FRIEND.

OKAY...

UH...

GRAB
カシッ

UH...WHO IS THIS STUD? IS HE YOUR FRIEND, TSUTSUI?

HUH?

HI, I'M TSU-TSUI'S FRIEND, ARISA ISHINO. ♥

NICE TO MEET YOU! ♥

FLIRTY

DUCK LIPS
アヒルぐち

OKAY...

?

HUH...?

UH...

TSU-TSUN, YOU'RE SO BIG-HEARTED.

PEOPLE SURE CAN BE AMUS-ING...

ISHINO-SAN REALLY IS A BAD JUDGE OF CHARAC-TER...

Huh...?

Wha...?

You want my big brother's number?!

Hey!! Let's exchange phone numbers!!

I REAL-LY LIKE THAT ABOUT YOU.

HEY, UH...

mmm...

SO PEACE-FUL.

OW...

CRASH

I...I'M FINE.

Where are my glasses?

M...ME TOO...

Where are my glasses?

I'M SO SORRY! ARE YOU OKAY?!

I'M SO SORRY!

I WASN'T PAYING ATTENTION TO WHERE I WAS GOING!

PHEW...I THOUGHT SOMEONE WAS TRYING TO RUN INTO ME ON PURPOSE...

I'M SUCH A KLUTZ!

I'M REALLY SORRY!

NO, NO... I'M SOR-RY, TOO.

I WASN'T PAYING ATTEN-TION, EITHER.

UH, EXCUSE ME...

ANNIKU

AH...

A FRIEND...!

episode★10

The story about my summer memories

FWUMP

FWUMP

IT'S NOT HERE...

...ISN'T HERE!!

THE ISSUE OF "ANIKKU" THAT I JUST GOT LAST WEEK...

GROOOAN
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I REALLY MESSED UP...!

WHERE DID I LEAVE IT? THINK...!!

I DIDN'T GET TO READ A SINGLE PAGE...

UH...

EXCUSE ME...

THANK GOD!!

OH!

OH!

I KNEW IT!

I'M GLAD I FOUND YOU!!

...AND I LOOKED FOR YOU IN EACH CLASS!!

UH, YOU DROPPED THIS...

UM...ER... YESTER-DAY...

Oh, yeah!

WE BUMPED INTO EACH OTHER!!

WOOHOO!!

OH.

SORRY FOR PUT-TING YOU THROUGH ALL THAT TROUBLE ...!

IT WAS WORTH RETURN-ING IT TO YOU...

TEAR TEAR

YOU REALLY LIKE THAT MAGA-ZINE, DON'T YOU?

WHAT A RE-LIEF ...

IT'S OKAY! MORE IM-PORTANT-LY...

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE ANIME, SEMPAI?

WH...

...LIKE THAT MAGAZINE, TOO, AND...

...I HAVE A SUB-SCRIP-TION WITH THEM!!

UH, UH, I...

UH...

LET'S SEE...

HUH?!

OH, AND UH, I THOUGHT IT WAS MOST-LY FUJOSHI WHO READ IT, BUT I'M PLEASANTLY SURPRISED THAT THERE ARE GUYS WHO READ IT, TOO!

THIS MONTH'S SPECIAL GLASSES FEATURE WAS WONDERFUL! IT HOLDS ITS OWN AGAINST THE BIGGER PUBLICA-TIONS, WITH A UNIQUE FANBASE...

IT'S A SMALL PUBLICA-TION, BUT THEY HAVE A LOT OF PICTURES AND INTER-VIEWS!

I...IT'S A GREAT MAGA-ZINE, ISN'T IT?!

I'M JUST SO HAPPY THAT THERE'S SOME-ONE WHO SHARES MY INTERESTS THAT I...

UH...

TSUTSUN...

HOLD ON...

SORRY!

I'VE BEEN TALKING THE WHOLE TIME!

OH!

THERE YOU ARE!

SORRY, I JUST GOT OUT OF HOMEROOM. LET'S GO.

HELLO.

IT'S A...

...PERFECT 3D GIRL!!

...TO RETURN THE MAGAZINE I DROPPED ...

...WENT OUT OF HER WAY...

OH, THIS GIRL...

I DIDN'T KNOW...

...YOU HAD A *REAL* SOCIAL LIFE,

SEMPAI ...!

I MISTAKENLY ASSUMED YOU WERE LIKE ME...

I'M SO SORRY!!

WHAT GOT INTO HER...?

BEATS ME...

ダッ DASH

EX-CUSE ME!!

A FESTI-VAL?

YEAH. MY NEIGHBOR-HOOD IS HOLDING A SMALL FESTI-VAL AT THE END OF THE SUMMER.

I...HAVEN'T BEEN TO ONE OF THOSE IN A WHILE, SO I'M NOT VERY CONFIDENT...

ABOUT WHAT...?

C'MON. LET'S JUST GO.

GREAT!

OKAY!

I want to eat candied apples!

TSU-
TSUN...

UH... IT'S JUST A SMALL FESTIVAL.

THAT LOOKS A LITTLE SMALL ON YOU...

WHY AREN'T YOU IN YUKA-TA?!

A-ANYWAY, WHAT SHOULD WE DO?

GOLD-FISH HUNT-ING?

HUH? NO...

I don't have a fish tank at home, anyway.

SORRY.

GIGGLE

I WORKED HARD ON THIS GET-UP. I EVEN CHECKED ON GOO-GLE...

7" GRUMBLE

7" GRUMBLE

OH, HEY!

CAN WE CHECK THOSE OUT?

HUH?

SURE.

A SHOOT-ING GAL-LERY...?!

HEY...

IS THAT...

...YEAH... Give it a try.

HERE, PUT THIS ON! SUPER MOON!!

HUH...?

WHAT AN AMAZ-ING COL-LEC-TION!

OH MY GOD!!

HAPPY ホク ホク HAPPY

GUBEE

YEAH.

...WATCH-ING YOU HAVE FUN.

IT'S FUN...

GASP!

SORRY THAT I WENT A LITTLE CRAZY!

ARE YOU HAVING FUN?!

TO BE HONEST ...

...I NEVER ENJOYED THESE EVENTS.

...MADE ME FEEL LIKE I WAS GRADUALLY SHRINKING.

BEING SURROUNDED BY PEOPLE HAVING FUN...

OH!

APPLE

I'M GONNA BUY US SOME CANDIED APPLES!

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SHOCK

IF MY BOYFRIEND LOOKED LIKE THAT, I'D PUNCH HIM OUT.

Check out his clothes and bag...

OH MY GOD, THAT PERSON IS SO LAME!

BAM

Oooh!

IT'S SO PRETTY...

YEAH.

FIRE-WORKS!

OOOH!

YOU ALWAYS ...

...BRING ME OUT OF MY SHELL SO EASILY.

HUH?

Something would happen if I were in a crowd. Being in front of the TV is the best seat in the house.

LED is definitely a different experience, all right.

NO!
NO!
IT'S NOT THAT!
DO YOU HATE FESTIVALS, BY ANY CHANCE?
I SHOULD...
IT'S HARD TO EX-PLAIN...
IT'S HARD TO...
...SPEAK TO MORE PEOPLE.
...PUT MY FEEL-INGS INTO WORDS.
HEH HEH!

Wanna eat some cotton candy, Anzu?

Yeah!

Ha Ha Ha!

THE YAKISOBA NOODLES STRAIGHT AHEAD...

OH.

I...

...WANNA EAT THAT...

WHAT?

I want to eat potatoes, oni-chan!

Any-thing you want!

I GUESS THEY'RE THE TYPE WHO'S MAINLY NICE TO THEIR OWN FAMILY...

THEY SURE ARE CLOSE...

IT'S THE TAKA-NASHI SIBLINGS...

...

DID YOU FEEL ANY-THING... WHEN HE FIRST TALKED TO YOU?

HE'S A GOOD-LOOKING GUY, SO...

Huh?

WELL...

HUH? WHY?

HUH?

HUH?

TSUTSUN... WHAT DO YOU TAKE ME FOR?

HAVE YOU NOT HEARD ANYTHING I'VE SAID 'TIL NOW?

YEAH!

ARE YOU ANGRY?

IF ALL I WANTED WAS A GOOD-LOOKING GUY...

I HAVE...

...

I WOULD'VE DATED ONE FROM THE START!

...ABOUT THAT SUBSER-VIENT SIDE OF YOU.

SOME-TIMES I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO...

Not just that, I have a feeling I just got put down.

IT REAL-LY IS HARD...

...TO EX-PRESS MY-SELF IN WORDS.

WHY IS SHE BEING LIKE THIS...?

SHE'S NOT IN CLASS, EITHER ...

SHE'S NOT RE-SPOND-ING TO MY TEXTS ...

THIS IS BAD.

I...FEEL REST-LESS INSIDE...

AND WE WERE...

...HAVING SO MUCH FUN, TOO...

AH!

WHOA!!

PHEW!

1-A
AYADO

RISE

I WAS BEING RUDE...

OH.

No.

I-I'M SORRY FOR TALKING SO MUCH AND GETTING AHEAD OF MYSELF.

MY NAME IS AYADO FROM CLASS 1-A! SORRY ABOUT WHAT HAP-PENED THE OTHER DAY!!

UH...

HEY, IT'S YOU...

MY FA-VORITE ANIME IS "EZOMI-CHI."

I WAS MEANING TO TELL YOU THE NEXT TIME I SAW YOU.

WHAT WAS IT AGAIN...? OHH...

WHY SHOULD YOU BE SOR-RY...? OH, AND THANKS FOR RETURNING MY MAGA-ZINE...

I never got to thank you.

ALSO...

I'M THINK-ING OF READING THROUGH IT.

I BOUGHT "ANIKKU" SINCE IT PUBLISHED AN INTERVIEW WITH THE VOICE ACTOR I LIKE.

AND RECENTLY, I'VE BEEN GETTING INTO THE SERIES, "YESTER-DAY'S DIGITAL BRAIN."

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1-A AYADO

SORRY... I'M LOOK-ING FOR SOMEONE RIGHT NOW.

UH.

I KNOW A LOT ABOUT THAT...

S-SEMPAI, PLEASE HAVE A SEAT!

BOW

YOU KNOW WHERE TO FIND ME...!

SURE!

N-NEXT TIME, THEN!

LET'S CHAT NEXT TIME WE GET A CHANCE.

SHK

I'M SO HAPPY...

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1—
AYAD

SIGH!

Is she avoiding me...?

I COULDN'T FIND HER DURING LUNCH, EITHER...

MILK

SO THIS IS WHERE YOU WERE, TSUTSUI!

WHY AREN'T YOU IN CLASS?!

I'VE BEEN FEELING REALLY UNCOM-FORTABLE IN CLASS, SO...

...WITH THE WEATHER COOLING DOWN, THE COURTYARD HAS BEEN CONMFORT-ABLE THESE DAYS.

NEVER MIND THAT...

WHAT IS A FRIEND, ANYWAY...?

WHAAAT?! YOU'RE USELESS AS A FRIEND.

NO.

AREN'T YOU GONNA SET UP AN OPPORTUNITY FOR TAKANASHI-KUN AND ME TO HANG OUT?

TRUE...

COME BACK TO ME WHEN YOU'RE COOLER THAN TAKANASHI-KUN.

HUH?! WHAT'S WITH THE CONDESCENDING ATTITUDE?!

I THINK YOU SHOULD TAKE THINGS MORE SERIOUSLY WHEN YOU PICK SOMEONE.

ISHINO-SAN...

DEATH...!!

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TO THINK I WAS BEING ASKED TO DIE...!!

NO WAY...

Acting like someone else.

SURE ENOUGH, IT'S UNCOM-FORTABLE BEING IN THE CLASS-ROOM...

What was I think-ing?!

I'LL HEAD TO THE LIBRARY ...

THE MOST STYLISH GIRL IN OUR CLASS, HUH...

I'D SAY THAT'S AKI!

UH, IT'S PROB-ABLY WHAT'S-HER-NAME!

THEY'RE SURE INTO THEIR CONVER-SATION...

HER BODY IS THE ONLY THING THAT'S GOOD ABOUT HER!

HA HA HA!! HA!!

AYADO!

AYADO...

AYADO?

NO ONE'LL EVER DATE HER LIKE THAT!!

SERIOUSLY, SHE'S WAY TOO GLOOMY!

YES...

THOSE GUYS, THEY'RE NOT BY ANY CHANCE TALKING ABOUT...

OH!

AYADO-SAN!

UH...

UM...

I CAN'T REALLY FIGURE OUT...

...WHETH-ER SHE HAS GOOD STYLE OR NOT.

I...I WAS AFRAID THEY WERE TALKING ABOUT ME...

...AND I FELT TOO UNCOM-FORTABLE TO COME OUT...

IT'S EMBAR-RASSING, SO...

...PLEASE DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT AND JUST LEAVE.

...

WHAT KIND OF ANIME DO YOU LIKE, AYADO-SAN?

IF YOU ASK ME...

I'VE RECENTLY GOTTEN INTO THE ONE THAT TAKES PLACE IN THE NEAR FUTURE...

AND I LIKE THAT SCHOOL STORY, "NOSE BLADE," 'CAUSE THERE ARE A LOT OF PARTS THAT MAKE ME TEAR UP.

BESIDES ANIME, I REGULARLY WATCH THE "SENTAI" SERIES.

HE'S TALKING TO ME...

AS FOR VOICE AC-TORS...

MORIKO TADA...

...OR TOKI FUJ-ISHIRO...

...ALSO LIKE THE "SENTAI" SERIES.

...SO I DON'T HAVE TO LISTEN TO THOSE GUYS...

UH, I...

THE CHARACTER DEVELOP-MENT HAS NEVER BEEN SO DEEP.

YES! ESPECIALLY THE PINK RANGER!

YEAH, DEFI-NITELY.

I THINK THIS SEASON'S "FOAMING SENTAI" IS REALLY WELL DONE.

THE EX-HOSTESS PLOTLINE FEELS REALLY FRESH...

HEARS

I...

I'M SORRY.

...AND I'M WEIRD, SO...

...I GET NERVOUS WHEN I TALK TO PEOPLE...

UH...

I ALWAYS GET MADE FUN OF...

I DON'T KNOW WHAT I'M SUPPOSED TO DO.

JUST STOP CRYING FOR NOW.

I'M SORRY.

...

DON'T MIND ME!

I...

BUT...

WHEN I FOUND OUT THAT YOU AND I SHARE THE SAME INTERESTS...

...I COULDN'T HELP TALKING TO YOU.

I'M SORRY...

AYADO

HUH...?

YOU'RE IN THE GARDENING CLUB, HUH...

...FOUND-SOME FLOWERS...

...ON MY DESK EARLIER...

I WAS ALSO MEANING TO TELL YOU...

I DEFINITELY DON'T HAVE A REAL SOCIAL LIFE.

YOU LIKE FLOWERS?

SO...

...

UHH...

I DON'T REALLY UNDER-STAND PEOPLE'S FEEL-INGS...

...AND IT'S HARD TO COMMU-NICATE WITH PEOPLE CLOSE TO ME.

I'VE ALWAYS BEEN CON-FUSED.

I THINK IT'S A GOOD THING...

...TO BE PRAISED FOR YOUR LOOKS.

...THE HECK AM I SAYING?

WHAT...

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YADO

...I'd encourage someone.
Never in a million years did I think...

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WHAT'S ...

HEY, ISHINO-SAN...

WHAT ARE YOU DO-ING?!

This thing's blunt, y'know!

HOW ...

...DARE YOU GIVE FLOW-ERS TO ANOTH-ER GIRL WHEN YOU HAVE SUCH A CUTE GIRL-FRIEND?!

WHEN DID YOU BE-COME SUCH A PLAY-BOY?!

YOU HAVE IT ALL WRONG!!

Agh!

LOOK AT YOURSELF IN THE MIRROR!!

...WHEN I'M FIGHTING WITH HER.

CRAP.

Ishino-san...

YEAH, I REALLY SHOULDN'T BE GIVING SOMEONE ELSE FLOW-ERS...

Stop! I can see your under-wear!

I'M SORRY...

THERE YOU ARE...

...ABOUT YESTER-DAY.

I'VE BEEN LIKE THIS ALL MY LIFE. THERE'S NOTHING I CAN...

THAT'S NOT IT.

BUT... THAT SUBSER-VIENT SIDE IS EN-GRAINED IN ME...

IT JUST COMES OUT.

...WAS WHAT YOU SAID.

"SOME-TIMES I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO ABOUT THAT SUBSER-VIENT SIDE OF YOU."

BUT...

WHAT...?

COULD YOU EX-PLAIN?

I WON'T KNOW WHAT I DID IF YOU DON'T TELL ME...

SORRY ...

HOW DO YOU NOT KNOW?

WHATEVER.

...DOES IT HAVE TO BE THIS WAY?

WHY...

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The story about how I apologized

HOLD ON!

HEY...

I DON'T WANT US TO KEEP FIGHTING.

PLEASE TELL ME...

NO!! I REALLY DON'T GET IT!

YOU'D GET IT IF YOU JUST THOUGHT ABOUT IT. IT'S NOT ABOUT BEING ABLE TO READ A SITUATION...

I'M THE WAY I AM BECAUSE I DON'T HAVE THAT ABILITY!

THAT'S NOT THE ISSUE HERE.

I DON'T KNOW HOW TO READ SITUATIONS, AND I'M TERRIBLE AT GUESSING.

I WON'T GET IT UNLESS YOU TELL ME STRAIGHT UP.

THAT'S JUST AN EXCUSE.

NO...

I MEAN, YOU DON'T GET ME, EITHER.

YOU DON'T KNOW HOW I FEEL...

HEY!

...SHE COULD ONLY INTER-PRET THAT AS SPITE!! I'M SUCH AN IDIOT!!

NO! I DIDN'T SAY THAT OUT OF SPITE. BUT NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT...

CLEAR

ARRANGING THE FLOWER BEDS IN THE MORNING ALWAYS RELAXES ME.

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PHEW!

THANKS FOR YOUR ENCOURAG-ING WORDS YESTERDAY!

GOOD MORNING, AYADO-SAN... YOU LOOK LIVELY THIS MORNING.

GOOD MORN-ING!

OH!

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DO

I FELT VERY HAPPY. I WANT TO BE CONFIDENT IN MY OWN SKIN GOING FORWARD.

THAT'S VERY HONEST OF YOU, AYADO-SAN. GLAD TO HEAR.

NOT AT ALL!

NAH, YOU WEREN'T ENCOURAGED...

IF ANYTHING, I'M SORRY I WAS BEING WEIRD.

DID YOU DO ALL THIS, AYADO-SAN?

I don't know much about flowers...

UH, YEAH!

YOU REALLY ENJOY IT, DON'T YOU...?

I LIKE PLANTS.

IF YOU TAKE CARE OF THEM, THEY GROW QUICKLY.

IF YOU GIVE THEM LOVE, THEY RESPOND IN A WAY THAT'S EASY TO UNDERSTAND.

THEY AREN'T DIFFI-CULT LIKE PEO-PLE...

OH, AND THEY GIVE ME A REASON TO COME TO SCHOOL WHEN I FEEL DOWN...

... SINCE I'M REMINDED THAT THEY NEED ME TO CARE FOR THEM!

IT'S LIKE...

...IM LOOKING AT MYSELF...

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OH, THAT'S THE BELL...

DONG

OH! WAIT A MINUTE!!

I HARVESTED THESE POTATOES!

PLEASE TAKE THEM WITH YOU!

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HEAVY

UH... THANKS...

IT'S MY PLEASURE!

PLEASE! I INSIST! AS A TOKEN OF MY THANKS FOR YESTERDAY!

POTATOES...?

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ANYWAY...I KNOW YOU DON'T WANNA GO TO CLASS, BUT YOU SHOULDN'T BE LATE...

RIGHT!

BUT...

TODAY LOOKS TO BE A GOOD DAY!

I'M REALLY GLAD THAT I GOT TO TALK TO SOMEONE THIS MORNING.

AND NO, I HAVEN'T.

YOU MEAN IGA-RASHI-SAN?

WHAT ARE YOU DOING WITH THOSE POTA-TOES?

GOOD MORN-ING, ITO.

YOU HAVEN'T SEEN HER AROUND, HAVE YOU?

UH...

OH.

THERE SHE IS.

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I'LL COME BACK ANOTHER TIME.

...

EVEN IF I WANTED TO APOLOGIZE, I CAN'T!

I STILL DON'T KNOW WHY SHE'S ANGRY.

Search

I'M SCREWED...

EVEN GOOGLE DOESN'T KNOW THE ANSWERS.

SIGH.

I REALLY DON'T WANT TO...

...SEE HER ANGRY...

I'M GONNA BUY US SOME CANDIED APPLES!

THERE'S NO SCHOOL TOMOR-ROW...

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TIGHTEN

...

UNABLE TO DENY THE STALKER VIBE OF THE WHOLE SITUATION, TSUTSUI ISN'T SURE WHAT TO DO.

EXPLA-NATION:

AFTER FRANTICALLY CHECKING IROHA'S ADDRESS, TSUTSUI HAS ARRIVED AT HER HOUSE.

YEAH, I REALLY SHOULD JUST GO HOME.

AND WHAT IF I REALLY GET MISTAKEN FOR A STALKER?

WHAT DO I DO IF HER PARENTS COME OUT? THEY MIGHT NOT KNOW SHE HAS A BOYFRIEND, AND THEY'LL BE DOUBLY SHOCKED IF THEY REAL-IZE HE'S A SHABBY GUY LIKE ME.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING...?

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HUH?

WHY?

'CAUSE YOU'RE STANDING FROZEN STIFF IN FRONT OF MY HOUSE ...

NO. I'M FINE...

WHAT'S UP?

SORRY FOR COMING UNANNOUNCED. YOU MUST BE CREEPED OUT BY ME NOW...

...HUH?

WHAT'S THIS...?

I RECEIVED A BUNCH OF POTATOES... SO I MADE SOME.

DANGO.

HUH...?

I WANT TO APOLOGIZE, BUT...

...I REALLY DON'T KNOW WHY YOU'RE ANGRY, SO...

...SINCE I CAN'T APOLOGIZE ...

ANYWAY, SEE YA...

...AND SORRY FOR BOTH-ERING YOU...

WAIT.

IF I STAY ANGRY AFTER ALL THIS, THEN I'M THE IDIOT...

THEY'RE NOT HOME.

NO...I STILL DON'T HAVE THE ABILITY...

...TO GREET A GIRL'S PAR-ENTS AND STUFF, SO...

LOADING...

COME ON IN.

FOR A LOT OF REA-SONS!

IS IT...?

TH-THAT'S EVEN WORSE!

...I'VE BEEN IN A GIRL'S ROOM.

THIS IS THE FIRST TIME...

TSUTSUI, OUT OF HIS ELEMENT

スー BREATHE

WHAT... ARE YOU DOING...?

HOW CAN I NOT?

DON'T MIND ME.

I'LL PUT...

...YOUR TEA HERE.

...

WAIT...

YOU ALWAYS WEAR REVEALING CLOTHES LIKE THAT AT HOME?

YOU'LL BE OGLED BY VISI-TORS!!

UH... YEAH... 'CAUSE I'M AT HOME...

THAT'S UNAC-CEPT-ABLE!!

UH... WHY?

IT'S DAN-GER-OUS!!

HEY.

WHY ARE YOU LAUGH-ING?

IT'S NOTH-ING...

SORRY.

MY REA-SONS...

...FOR BEING ANGRY...

...DON'T MATTER AT ALL ANYMORE.

I WAS ANGRY AT YOU...

...BECAUSE I THOUGHT YOU DIDN'T TRUST ME.

ALL THIS TIME, I THOUGHT I SHOWED YOU IN MY OWN WAY HOW MUCH I LIKE YOU...

...BUT IT WAS LIKE YOU STILL WOULDN'T BELIEVE IT...

NO ONE HAS EVER LIKED ME BEFORE.

WELL, OBVIOUSLY!

I JUST COULDN'T BELIEVE THE SITUATION I WAS IN.

IT DOESN'T MEAN THAT I DON'T TRUST YOU...

I'M LUCKY...

IT'S JUST THAT NO ONE'S NOTICED THE GOODNESS IN YOU, TSUTSUN.

...THAT I HAD THE CHANCE TO!

HOW MANY MORE TIMES DO I HAVE TO TELL YOU THAT I LIKE YOU FOR YOU TO BELIEVE ME?

I DON'T BELIEVE IT...

I DON'T BELIEVE THAT I CAN BE THIS HAPPY...

UH...

HEY...

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OHH... MAN...

SO SOFT...

SMELLS SO NICE...

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a+b

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$$d(\sqrt{a}+\sqrt{b}-\sqrt{c}$$

TSUTSUI RECITES FORMULAS

$$y=\frac{cx+d}{ax+b}=\frac{c}{a}$$

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$$y=\frac{k}{x-p}+9 \text{ solve}$$

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I CAN'T!

WHAT AM I DOING?

THING

I'M SORRY!

I...

I'M REALLY SORRY ...

I'M GONNA GO HOME.

PUT ON SWEAT-PANTS! SWEAT-PANTS!!

UH, YOU REALLY SHOULDN'T BE WEARING THAT!

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BYE...

Later.

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R...

I'M SO STUPID!!

REASON HAS LEFT THE BUILD-ING!!

THE VISITORS AREN'T THE ONES WHO ARE DANGER-OUS! I AM!!

I'm not bitter or in pain. I have my 2D world.

WHATEVER HAPPENED, I WAS ABLE TO CONTROL MYSELF.

TSUTSUI, SUBJECTING HIMSELF TO AUTOSUGGESTION

TSUTSUI, KILLING HIS EMOTIONS

I SCARE MYSELF...

I...

UNTIL NOW, REASON HAS BEEN...

...THE ONLY CONSTANT IN MY LIFE.

RATTLE

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GOOD MORN-ING...

DASH

DON'T COME NEAR ME FOR A WHILE!

GOOD MORN-ING.

WHY DOES HE HAVE TO BE LIKE THAT...?

OVERRE-ACTING AGAIN ...

I CAME TO SEE YOU, AYADO-SAN.

HUH?! ME?!

GOOD MORNING!

WHAT BRINGS YOU HERE, SEMPAI?

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AYADO

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AY

PLEASE TAKE THEM.

HERE... I MADE THESE FROM THE POTA-TOES YOU SHARED WITH ME TWO DAYS AGO.

Let's see...what other sweets can I make with potatoes...

...I SPENT THE NIGHT MAKING SWEETS.

What ...?!

RECIPES FOR SWEETS

YEAH... FOR SOME REASON, I COULDN'T SLEEP YES-TERDAY, SO...

TH-THESE ARE HOME-MADE ...!!

YOU'RE GIVING THEM TO ME?! WOW...

IF A GROSS GUY LIKE ME DOES STUFF LIKE THIS, IT JUST INCREASES THE VECTOR SIZE OF MY "GROSSNESS" EVEN MORE...

YOU'RE QUITE OBJECTIVE ...

SEMPAI... YOU'RE SUCH AN AWESOME GUY...

I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU CAN MAKE THIS STUFF...!

NAH...

SQUEAL!!

BUT YOU'RE GOING OUT WITH THAT PRETTY GIRL, AREN'T YOU?!

UH... YEAH...

YOU'RE TO-TALLY DIFFER-ENT FROM SOME-ONE LIKE ME, AFTER ALL, SEM-PAI!

...AN UNUSUAL OCCUR-RENCE FOR ME...

NO, IT'S ...

I REALLY ADMIRE THAT!!

SHE'S THE PRIN-CESS WHO FALLS IN LOVE WITH THE FROG!!

SHE RECOG-NIZES YOUR KIND-NESS, SEM-PAI!!

NO...
A frog, huh...

UH, DID I SAY SOME-THING WEIRD?

ALL I DO IS LOSE SIGHT OF MYSELF...

And my sense of reason is gone, too...

AND I'M NOT THAT AWE-SOME...

I MISUN-DERSTAND THINGS, AND I GET CON-FUSED...

HUH...?

TH...

THAT'S SO COOL...!!

...I FEEL BETTER... SO THANKS.

Y...YOU THINK SO? I DON'T REALLY GET IT, BUT...

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AYADO

YOU'RE SO COOL, SEMPAI!!

You can make mochi from potatoes, right?!

Yeah, you just mix in potato starch...

"SHE RETURNED THE MAG-AZINE I DROPPED."

IGARASHI SAAN!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?!

UH...

MORNING, IGARASHI-SAN!

ISHINO-SAN...

WHAT'S THE MATTER?

YOU DON'T SEEM YOUR-SELF.

WHY DOES IT HAVE TO BE LIKE THIS?

TO BE CONTINUED IN VOLUME 4!!

Special Chapter

Spring fever

ITO.

LET'S GO TO LUNCH.

UH,

I'LL PASS.

AGAIN?

YEAH.

DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME. JUST HAVE LUNCH WITH IGARASHI-SAN!

I HAVE SOME-THING TO DO.

TSUTSUI, STILL IN THE MIDDLE OF A FIGHT WITH IROHA

YEAH, IF I COULD...

I GUESS I'LL EAT ALONE TODAY, TOO.

On the roof-top? In the court-yard?

BUT I WILL SAY, ITO HAS BEEN BUSY A LOT THESE DAYS.

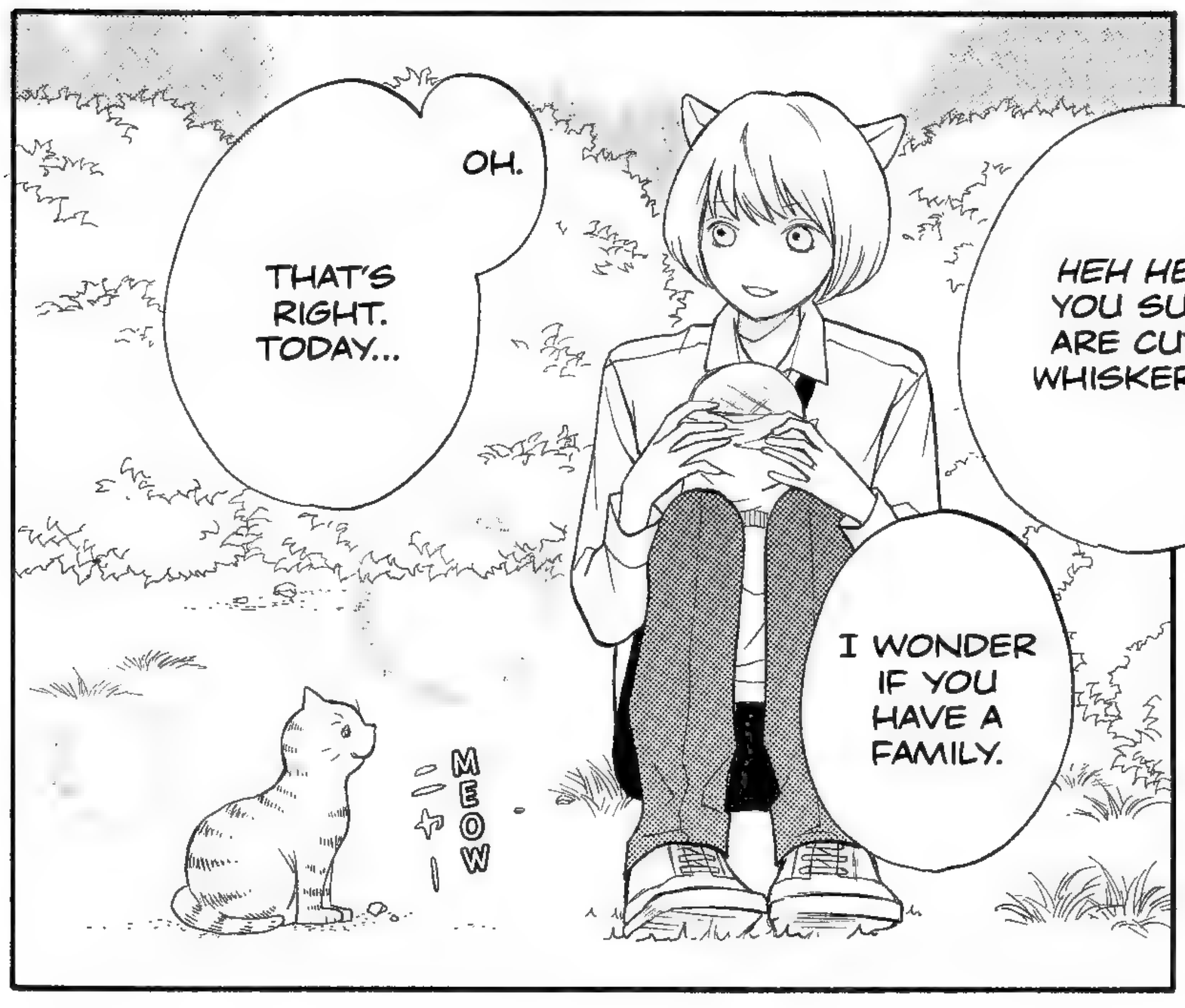
MEOW

"JUST HAVE LUNCH WITH IGARASHI-SAN!"

COULD HE...

...BE TRY-ING TO GIVE ME SPACE?

I WONDER IF YOU'LL LIKE IT.
MEOW
I BROUGHT YOU A FISH SAUSAGE TODAY.


OH.
THAT'S RIGHT. TODAY...
HEH HEH! YOU SURE ARE CUTE, WHISKERS...
I WONDER IF YOU HAVE A FAMILY.
MEOW
MUNCH
MUNCH

...I BOUGHT A NEW GAME.

OH, I GUESS A CAT WOULDN'T UNDER-STAND WHAT A GAME IS.

Heh heh!

...TALKING TO A CAT.

ITO IS...

I WAS REALLY LOOKING FOR-WARD TO ITS RELEASE.

It's a new one from the series ...

It's an RPG and the graph-ics are...

The main character this time is really...

MEOW

MEOW

MEOW

ITO!!

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I'M SO SORRY, ITO!!

TSU-TSUI ...

UH, WHAT ABOUT IGA-RASHI-SAN?

BUT...I DIDN'T KNOW THAT I...

THESE DAYS... THERE HAVE BEEN SO MANY THINGS GOING ON THAT I HAVEN'T LOOKED AFTER YOU.

UH, I'M NOT REALLY...

I...I'M NOT LONELY OR ANY-THING. C'MON!

I'VE JUST LIKED CATS TO BEGIN WITH...

...MADE YOU FEEL SO LONELY...

BLUSH

THAT'S NOT TRUE!!

...NEVER MIND UNDER-STAND WHAT GAMES ARE!

JUST SO YOU KNOW, A CAT DOESN'T UNDER-STAND WHAT YOU TELL IT...

THEN WHY ARE YOU TALKING TO A CAT ABOUT GAMES?!

I'LL ALWAYS BE THERE TO LISTEN!!

IF YOU'RE GONNA TALK ABOUT GAMES, TALK TO ME, NOT A MANGY CAT!

YES, IT IS!!

TSUTSUI, YOU IDIOT!!

YOU'RE BEEN REALLY ARROGANT THESE DAYS, TSUTSUI!!

YOU'RE SO INSENSI-TIVE!!

THE REASON I CAME HERE HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH YOU!

AND TELL-ING ME TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT GAMES!

I'M NOT A CHILD!!

WHAT THE HECK DO YOU MEAN YOU HAVEN'T "LOOKED AFTER" ME?

...ANGRY.

ITO IS...

MEOW

WHAT DID I DO? I MADE ITO OUT TO BE A **LONER!**

IT'S FINE THAT HE MAKES NEW FRIENDS, EVEN IF IT'S A CAT.

MEOW

IT'S FINE THAT ITO HAS HIS OWN WORLD.

IT'S TRUE, WHO DO I THINK I AM?!

I CAN'T HELP BUT FEEL MY COMMU-NICATION SKILLS NEED A LOT OF WORK.

I ENDED UP MAKING ANOTHER PERSON ANGRY, EVEN THOUGH IT WASN'T MY INTEN-TION TO FIGHT...

SHE STILL HASN'T EMAILED ME...

...AND ITO HASN'T RE-SPONDED, EITHER.

New Messages
None

I FEEL LONELY.

...I FEEL AS IF I'M ALL ALONE IN SPACE.

WHEN I'M NOT IN TOUCH WITH THOSE TWO...

...BEING ALONE HAS BEEN NATURAL FOR ME.

I WONDER WHY THAT IS...

SINCE THE VERY START...

63RD KOUDAN JUNIOR HIGH OPENING CEREMONY

CLASS FORMATION – CLASS 1

CHATTER
CHATTER
OHH, THERE YOU ARE!
HA HA HA HA!
NO WAYYY!
SHE'S OUR HOME-ROOM TEACHER AGAIN?
OVER HERE! OVER HERE!
YES!
WE'RE IN THE SAME CLASS AGAIN!
MURMUR
MURMUR

CAN I HELP YOU?

...

S-SORRY. YOU WERE READING, SO I WASN'T SURE WHEN I SHOULD TALK TO YOU.

I'M ITO. NICE TO MEET YOU.

THIS IS THE FIRST TIME WE'RE IN THE SAME CLASS, RIGHT?

HEYYY, ITOOO!

?

?

No, can't be.

HUH ...?

I GUESS HE DIDN'T HEAR ME...?

I'M SO GLAD I'M IN THE SAME CLASS AS YOU AGAIN!

YEAH!

SURE!

OH! MACHIDA-KUN!

CAN I LOOK AT YOUR HOME-WORK?

WE'RE IN THE SAME CLASS AGAIN, HUH, TSUTSUI!

SAY SOME-THING!

DON'T GIVE ME THE COLD SHOULDER, OTAKU!

I GUESS YOU STILL HAVE TOO MUCH TIME ON YOUR HANDS.

TRYING TO PICK A FIGHT WITH ME AGAIN...

YANK

TOSS

AHHH! MY MP3 PLAYER!

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WHA...

WHAT JUST HAPPENED...?!

HA HA HA HA

HA HA

OH. THAT GUY'S APPARENTLY A SERIOUSLY DARK OTAKU, SO IT'S BEST NOT TO GET INVOLVED WITH HIM.

IF YOU TRY TO HELP HIM...

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TERRIBLE...

LOOK ...

THOSE GUYS ARE TYRANTS ...

WAAAAH

HONESTLY, CUT IT OUT, YOU GUYS!

...YOU'LL GET CAUGHT UP IN IT ALL.

SHUT UP, YOU CREEP!

YOU HYPOCRITE!!

ARE YOU GONNA CHANGE, THEN?

THICK

SHOCK

WELL, YOU HAVE A STRONG CONSCIENCE, SO IT MIGHT BOTHER YOU, BUT...

...IT'S BEST NOT TO STICK YOUR NOSE WHERE IT SHOULDN'T BE.

...

YEAH...

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HERE.

IT FELL ON THE OTHER SIDE.

UH...

BUT...

...YOU DOING THIS ONLY BOTHERS ME.

THANKS...

BUT...

I...IT'S GONNA RAIN TODAY, SO...

...THIS STUFF BOTHERS ME.

...I WAS AFRAID IT'D BREAK...

WHAT...?

I TOLD YOU...

SIGH

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UH,

HEY!

…

APA-
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FACE!

STOP
MAKING
THAT…

Y…YOU
MIGHT
NOT LIKE
DEALING
WITH PEO-
PLE, BUT…

…THERE'S
A WAY OF
SAYING
THINGS,
Y'KNOW!

WHAT'S
THE POINT OF
PUTTING ME IN
MY PLACE WHEN
YOU HAVE NO
INTENTION OF
HANGING OUT
WITH ME LATER?

IT'S 'CAUSE
YOU CHOSE
TO TALK TO
ME, AND THEN
YOU GET ALL
UPSET.

I JUST THOUGHT I WAS DOING WHAT'S RIGHT...!!

WHA...?

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Welcome Banner for the New Students

A few people

HUH?!

ITO, DON'T YOU LIKE THIS KINDA STUFF?

LIKE, MAKING THINGS?

Machi-na-kun, what are you...?

OKAY, SO WHO WANTS TO VOLUN-TEER?

MURMUR

WHAT? SUCH A PAIN!

THIS HAS TO BE DONE AFTER CLASS, RIGHT?

SOME-ONE DO IT!

For t cry-ing out loud!

IT DOESN'T MATTER WHO DOES IT, JUST DO IT!

WE CAN'T GO HOME OTHER-WISE!

SWEAT

SWEAT

BUT YOU'D BE ALL BY YOURSELF, ITO.

SURELY WE CAN GET ONE MORE PERSON ...

LET'S SEE... UH, TSUTSUI WILL HELP YOU.

HUH...?

YESSS!

OKAY, I'LL... DO IT.

SO...

...HE'S NOT GONNA COME...

LOOONG

...TO DO ALL THIS BY MY-SELF...

...TO LEAVE ME...

I MEAN, I GET THAT IT'S UNPLEAS-ANT, BUT...

YEAH. YEAH. OKAY.

YEAH, I'LL BE FINE. I'LL TRY TO WALK MANLY SO I DON'T GET CONFUSED FOR A GIRL.

WALK-ING HOME AT NIGHT?

HUH?

UH, I THINK I'M GONNA BE A BIT... LATE TODAY.

MOM?

RRRING RRRING...

...

BEEP

RATTLE 11

ALL RIGHT!

LET'S DO THIS!

SORRY!

...I WAS LATE AS I WAS LOOKING FOR THEM.

I LOST MY INDOOR SLIPPERS DURING GYM, SO...

HOW SHOULD WE START?

ALL RIGHT. I'LL START MEASURING FROM OVER THERE.

OKAY.

... AND THEN MARK IT ...

... DIVIDE IT INTO SEVEN PARTS ...

WE'LL MEASURE THE BANNER ...

UH... WELL...

I THOUGHT YOU BAILED ON ME.

SORRY...

...YOU FOUND MY MP3 PLAYER...

...IT COULD'VE BEEN REALLY BAD.

THUMP

YEAH...

WELL...

THAT WOULD'VE BEEN NICE, TOO, BUT...

...AND...

...IT STARTED TO RAIN ALMOST RIGHT AFTER, SO...

PULL IT.

OKAY...

I'M DONE ON THIS SIDE.

IT'S MACHIDA-KUN...

I'M REEEALLY GLAD ITO'S IN OUR CLASS!

HE ENDED UP BEING CLASS REP, TOO.

THAT GUY DOES ALL THE ANNOYING STUFF!

HA HA HA HA HA

AND HOME-WORK IS A CINCH, TOO!

Ito can be so useful!

HA HA HA HA HA!

...HE'S A F... FRIEND, SO...

I KNOW THAT'S WHAT HE THINKS OF ME...

..BUT...

IF I CAN BE OF USE TO HIM, THEN THAT'S GOOD ENOUGH FOR ME.

...ALREADY KNOW.

I...

AREN'T YOU GONNA...

...TELL HIM THAT...

..."THERE'S A WAY OF SAYING THINGS"?

IT'S GOTTEN DARK. LET'S CALL IT A DAY.

...

ZSSSHHH

SEE YA.

HUH?

HEY, WAIT!

ZSSSHHH

HERE!

WHACK

AH.

SORRY... I'M SHORT, SO...

YOU DON'T HAVE AN UMBREL-LA?

IF YOUR HOUSE IS THAT WAY, WE'RE GOING THE SAME DIRECTION. YOU CAN SHARE MY UMBRELLA!

NO, IT'S NOT!

IT'S FINE.

YOU'RE GONNA CATCH A COLD IN THIS DOWN-POUR.

IT'S FINE.

...I DON'T THINK ANYTHING GOOD WILL COME OUT OF YOU BEING NICE TO ME.

...BUT...

NO...

YOU THINK THIS IS A BOTHER AGAIN, DON'T YOU?

UH...

I'M NOT NICE TO PEOPLE BASED ON WHAT I CAN GAIN FROM IT!

OR MAYBE I AM...

...BE-CAUSE I DON'T WANT THEM TO HATE ME.

I'M UNABLE TO REFUSE MACHIDA-KUN AND THE OTHERS...

ARE THEY REALLY THAT...

...IMPORTANT TO YOU?

YOU'RE NOT GONNA DIE JUST 'CAUSE PEOPLE HATE YOU.

WHEN YOU SAY IT... IT MAKES SENSE...

...

THAT KIND-NESS OF YOURS...

I...

I'M GOOD FROM HERE.

HUH? ARE YOU SURE?

IT'S STILL COMING DOWN HARD...

OH! I HAVE A SMALL TOWEL FOR YOU TO COVER YOUR H-

IT'S FINE!

YOU REALLY SHOULD SHARE IT WITH SOMEONE WHO'LL RETURN IT...

GOOD MORNING ...

...

I DON'T THINK ANYTHING GOOD WILL COME OUT OF YOU BEING NICE TO ME.

GOOD MORNING, ITO!

TSUTSUI...

...IS IGNORING ME ON PURPOSE.

OR BECAUSE HE DOESN'T EXPECT THAT FROM PEOPLE?

ITO, DID YOU DO YESTERDAY'S HOMEWORK?

IS HE DOING IT SO HE WON'T INCONVENIENCE ME?

MORNING, TSUTSUI!

HEY, YOU FIND THIS STUFF INTERESTING?

THANKS, MAN.

YEAH, WELL ...

I HATE GETTING INVOLVED IN CONFLICT.

I JUST BOUGHT THAT...

ITO, I NEED THE ONE FOR MATH!

YOU SHOULD SHARE THAT KINDNESS...

...WITH SOMEONE WHO'LL RETURN IT.

OOH! YOU JUST BOUGHT IT, DID YOU?

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HOW DO YOU KNOW THAT?

"ANIMAID" IS 800 YEN AN ISSUE. I COULDN'T LET HIM DO THAT...

SEE...

THIS IS WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU GET INVOLVED.

...AND YOU'RE SO STUB-BORN.

YOU'VE CHOSEN TO GIVEN UP ON SO MANY THINGS...

...JUST A SELF-CON-SCIOUS TEEN.

YOU'RE ...

I'M PUTTING YOU IN YOUR PLACE...

...'CAUSE I WANT TO HANG OUT WITH YOU.

I'VE KEPT IT A SECRET, BUT I LIKE ANIME, TOO.

WHEN WE FIRST MET, I COULDN'T HELP BUT TALK TO YOU.

Oh! He's reading "Ani-maid"...

GLANCE

GLANCE

I WAS JEAL-OUS OF YOU FOR BEING A GUY...

...WHO COULD OPENLY SAY HE HATES WHAT HE HATES.

CONGRATULATIONS ON STARTING SCHOOL

YOU'RE NOT GONNA DIE JUST 'CAUSE PEOPLE HATE YOU.

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You shouldn't hang out with them.

Being cheerful is not that great.

IF ITO HATES ME NOW...

...I WILL DIE.

NO, NOT IN THIS CASE.

ITO.

I'M SORRY.

I FELT LONELY THINKING A CAT WAS A BETTER FRIEND THAN ME.

IF WE GROW APART, I'M THE ONE WHO'LL BE LONELY.

PUT ME IN MY PLACE.

OKAY ...

YOU KNOW, TSUTSUI, I'M HAPPY IF YOU'RE HAPPY. AND IF I CAN HELP IT, I DON'T WANT TO GET IN YOUR WAY.

BUT, TO BE HONEST, I WAS A LITTLE LONELY.

OKAY ...

MAKE SURE TO HAVE TIME TO PLAY IT WITH ME.

I'M REALLY SORRY.

ALSO... I WAS A LITTLE SAD WHEN I WENT TO BUY THAT NEW GAME ON MY OWN.

OKAY...

YOU KNOW, WHEN I'M BEING PATIENT, IT DOESN'T MAKE IT EASIER WHEN YOU TELL ME THAT I'M BEING PATIENT.

AND I REALLY DON'T THINK YOU'RE ARRO-GANT OR ANY-THING.

OKAY.

I'LL MAKE FRIENDS WITH WHISKERS, TOO.

ALSO...

DON'T CALL WHIS-KERS A "MANGY CAT."

ニャー MEOW

THE END

Hello!!

Thank you for choosing the third volume! It's me, Nanami Arasa the hermit.

(I really don't know what to do about my image.)

The third volume! It went by so quickly! I always quietly take a peek at twitter and other social media.

Thank you so much! I hope you enjoyed this volume, too.

08.2012 Mao Nanami

As for why I was so holed up, I had to complete a special chapter at around the eleventh story for the 15th anniversary of "Dessert" magazine! Since I'm already bad with deadlines, I was afraid that my manuscript wouldn't be ready, so I stopped going out. I also had to do the cover of a "Bessatsu" extra, so I honestly shut myself in for 3 months.

Everyone! Let's bathe in the outdoor sunlight! I realized how important it is to get some sun!

As I greet the end of summer with my pale unburnt skin, I encourage myself with a positive attitude, saying "I still managed to accomplish a lot!"

...A DRUNKEN CHAT BETWEEN YOU AND AI OKAUE.

A...A DRUNKEN CHAT ...?!

WE'RE PLANNING FOR THE NEXT EXTRA ISSUE TO BE...

Shimone-san, Head of Dirty Jokes

OH, NANAMI-SAN!

SHIMONE-SAN!

How are you?

GOING TO THE EDITING DEPARTMENT FOR A MEETING...

HELLO!

ONE DAY, WHEN I WAS PREPARING THE "CHIBI DESSERT EXTRA ISSUE" FOR THE 15TH ANNIVERSARY OF "DESSERT" MAGAZINE...

AI OKAUE-SAN'S WORK, "STRANGE DUO," ALSO IS BEING SOLD WITH RAVE REVIEWS.

NOT THAT I THINK THIS PLAN...

...WILL GO THROUGH, ANYWAY...

IT'S FINE! IT'S FINE!

フキフキ FLIP-PANT

IS IT OKAY FOR A SHOJO MANGA ARTIST TO DO STUFF LIKE THAT?

IS HE BEING SERIOUS...?

THE COLLECTION WAS CRAZIER THAN I HAD IMAGINED!

IN THE END, WE GATHERED EACH OTHER'S DISGUISES...

ALCOHOL

LINE

What do you think of this?

We're revealing the stuff we gotta hide!

AND SO, AFTER TALKING ABOUT THE SHOOT WITH OKAUE-SAN...

IT GOT APPROVED!

On a later date...

Schedule

Date: XX

Draft Deadline

Date: XX

Okaue-sensei and Nanami's Drunken Chat

I AM FILLED WITH THANKS...

CHIBI DESSERT

THE SPECIAL CHAPTER THAT WAS DRAWN SERIOUSLY, AND THIS CHAT WAS COMPILED IN THE EXTRA ISSUE.

TWO SHOJO MANGA ARTISTS WHO ARE GRADUALLY GETTING FURTHER AWAY FROM THEIR CRAFT.

THEY REALLY LET US DRINK AND CHAT AS MUCH AS WE WANTED!

Nanami

Okaue

WE PUT ON OUR DISGUISES, WHICH ACTUALLY MADE US RELAXED.

I REALLY THINK THIS IS MEANINGFUL WORK...

*MOST OF OUR CONVERSATION WAS CUT.

SHIMONE

OKAUE-SAN AND I APPARENTLY HAVE A REPUTATION FOR BEING DRUNKARDS. (ALTHOUGH IT'S TRUE...)

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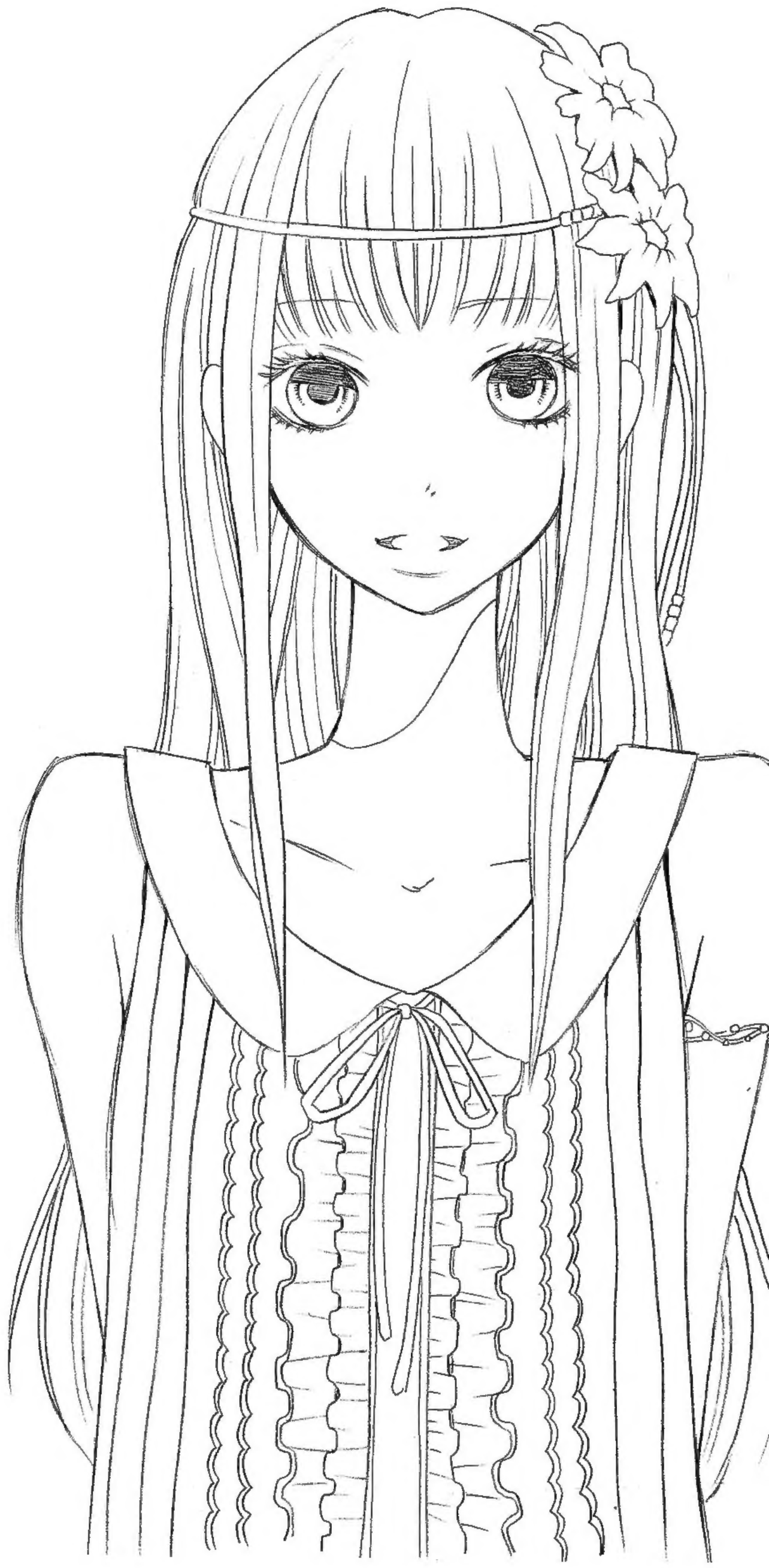

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And You

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